

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes– Weds., March 8, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall
In attendance: Eliza Burden, Mara V, John Ellis, Mary Ellen Aronow, Tim (Arlington Tree Warden), and Ed Trembly

1. **Approve February meeting minutes:** January minutes approved.
February minutes approved.
2. **DPW Tree Department Update (Tim) :**
 - Review of Winter tree damage – town has been cleaning up after down limbs. Private tree catastrophe on private road.
 - Fall planting list added to our tree inventory – sent to John last month
 - Tree removals –DPW will provide the number of trees taken down this year. When we have a full inventory, DPW will provide addresses of trees removed.
 - Tree Preservation Bylaw - impacts on DPW, interactions with Building Dept.- *Bill Mahoney (89 Morningside) builder, certified letter from Tim to builder. 180 days from occupancy replace trees, with native list,*
 - Tree hearing(s) – none happened and none scheduled
 - Annual Report – Mike R has our ATC annual report;
 - Grant submission update – into the final leg of the submission of the process, last year's was March 28th, so we hopefully will hear by next meeting
 - Spring tree planting timing? – Schnicnal nursery hopefully will send mid-April. A tree was planted on Lake Street last week, as a utility box was put in damaged a Norway Maple, so Warden approached the utility company and they planted 1 Pin Oak, 2 Crab Apple, 2 Japanese Lilac. Need watering. Who will water??
 - Civics Day – 3/18 - Tree City USA booth 10 – 2 (sign up stuff, Facebook following, gator bags),
 - Arbor Day planting event (location, timing etc) – (April 28th) DPW supervisor, Jeff Wright showed up, John Marshall Park's Commissioner – spec for a long-term park renovation. Tim walked in to Thompson school to see if he could have a meeting with them to discuss doing a tree planting. Tim talked to Mike about focusing on one school a year. If that doesn't work, library planters have 2 dead trees in there now, maybe plant in there. Andrea Licolei – Director.
 - Tree inventory summer work with interns – nothing done yet.
 - Arlington Tree City USA – June 7th in Town Hall, DCR, Urban Foresters, Community Action Foresters, Tree Wardens. (Mass Chapter 87 was the earliest law, started in 1890).
 - National Grid said they fixed the gas leak in front of Town buildings Mass Ave trees. Tim measured 18 trees (17" were the largest of the trees, smallest was 4" Honey Locust) that were effected. Each tree was valued by Tim and they are in discussions with National Grid.
 - Marquee Tree Service – is in town helping the DPW take down trees
3. **Community Tree Canopy Program with MacEachern funds (John) - Mike needs some follow up by ATC, first conversation with Tim and Mike answer was; slow down, lets wait.**
 - Revised Community Canopy form – members edited prior to meeting,

- Publicity/Invitation to Tree Planting demo –
- John made a motion to spend upwards of \$4,000 ‘Bequest funds’ to buy trees for a ‘pilot’ tree canopy program this Spring. All in favor. Shemmin up in Lexington, Mahonney’s and Wilson’s.

4. Publicity

- Facebook, Googlegroups -
- Advocate article (tree planting efforts, etc) – Mara interviewed Tim about spring planting and wrote a letter to Advocate about the Town’s planting. Should be published 3/9/2017.
- Article presenting the new bylaw -
- Powerpoint tree presentation; targeted outreach –
- Website - will expire in August. Need to contact old owner and get renewal

5. New Business

- New members - Town advertisement, Advocate advertisement – Send openings to Town Manager’s office (John agreed to do this)
- Thompson school contacted John, does not have money to plant trees after renovation. John will get Thompson contact in contact with Tim. Committee would like to suggest that the Bequest funds be offered to the Thompson school for these trees.
- Correspondence – potential new member interested in the Committee came to the meeting

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, April 12.